

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 937

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Patricia Bolton upon her selection as Tennessee's Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for their students; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Bolton is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bolton has recently been selected as Tennessee's Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year for 2003-2004 (K-5 grade level) by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher at Riverside Christian Academy in Fayetteville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, known for her profound faith and patriotism, Mrs. Bolton won this prestigious award after competing against other nominees from private and public schools at the local, regional, and state levels; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Bolton was presented with her award at the annual VFW's state convention on February 7, 2004, and will now compete against other state winners for the coveted National Teacher of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas, Patricia Bolton has served with acumen and alacrity as an elementary school teacher for many years in schools across this great land; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to provide her fourth grade students with well-rounded and hands-on educational activities, Mrs. Bolton engages her pupils in real world activities, including

annual fieldtrips to the "Hamburger Day on the Hill in Nashville," the Huntsville Symphony, and the Cumberland Science Museum; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bolton is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bolton's dedication to her school and students goes well beyond her job requirements; she spends countless hours formulating and implementing special classroom projects, and she has purchased and installed a new computer network for her classroom; and

WHEREAS, not content to serve her students only in the classroom, Mrs. Bolton is an active community leader who has volunteered with Girls Scouts, Family Services programs at various Air Force Bases, local reading programs, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bolton sets an excellent example for her students with her community involvement, but she also provides opportunities for her students to engage in charitable activities, which include encouraging her pupils to spend time during the Christmas season collecting money and buying presents for needy families in the community; and

WHEREAS, a devoted Sunday School teacher for many years, Mrs. Bolton evinces her great faith as a member of the Plainview Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, for more than thirty years, she has enjoyed the love and companionship of her husband, Lieutenant Colonel Gordan Bolton of the United States Air Force (retired), and the love and support of her three children, Scott Bolton, Courtney (Bolton) Yates, and Katie Bolton; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Bolton truly serves as an inspiration to her fellow educators and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate enough to know her; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bolton epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Patricia Bolton of Riverside Christian Academy on being chosen Tennessee's Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year for 2003-2004, commend her on her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her the best of luck in the competition for the National Teacher of the Year award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.